

OKAUCHEE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MARCH 14, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC TOWN HALL

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

C. Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Meeting Notice Announcement

The meeting notice announcement was distributed to local newspapers, posted at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall, two posting boards, and on the OLMD Website.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present:

Carol Wilson
Tom Godar
Dee Schriver

Absent:

John Foley
Bruce Miller

Also Present:

Pat Furno, Accountant for the District
Linda Goehre, Website Designer
Bradley Mullikin, Operations Manager

5. Correspondence

No correspondence except that which is indicated below.

6. Comments from the Floor

There were no comments from the floor.

7. Comments from Committee Members

No comments from Committee Members.

8. Discuss & Act on Report of Treasurer

Dee Schriver reported the following:

- a. Tax roll receipts to date: \$357,279.00
- b. Budget anticipation: \$380,329.00, including additional payments at the end of April and August for plant control special charges and property taxes billed in the district.
- c. Total Expenditures: To date we have spent \$2,706.00 in monthly fees for the website, accounting, utilities and communications.

This leaves a budgeted balance of \$377,623.00.

C. Wilson moved to accept the report of the Treasurer as presented. Dee Schriver seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Approved Checks & Vouchers

It was noted that the heat costs are over budget. T. Godar moved to approve the payments submitted for approval by the Treasurer, including those paid in December, January and February. C. Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (11-8-21)

C. Wilson moved to approve the November 8, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. T. Godar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

T. Godar noted that in response to issues raised at the November meeting related to Tierney Bay channel usage and maintenance, OLMD counsel, Kay & Kay Law Firm, offered an opinion that the Wisconsin Statutes limit the powers of OLMD and it does not appear that OLMD has the authority to regulate the boathouse building or the launching system but would have to wait and determine if there's any blockage of navigable activity as a result of these building projects. The date of the opinion letter from attorney was December 29, 2021 and will be retained for the OLMD records.

11. Discuss & Act on BCPL loan program for equipment replacement

Dee Schriver reported that the request for the \$80,000 loan to be repaid over a period of five years at an interest rate of 2.5% was approved and that we are now in the process of

submitting the paperwork requesting the loan proceeds to pay for equipment engine replacement and repairs.

12. Aquatic Plant Management Report

The gas price increases may force us to exceed our budget for the plant management activities. It is reported that most of the crew will likely return and Mr. Mullikin is pleased to be able to have an experienced crew.

We need a CDL driver in order to operate the dump truck that disposes of the aquatic plants collected. At this point we have only Mr. Mullikin with that credential.

- a. **DISCUSS AND ACT ON OKAUCHEE LAKE WEED SPRAYING PROGRAM.** Dee Schriver confirmed the decision of the board to continue treating a small portion of the lake with chemical spray in order to reduce the impact of invasive species and confirmed that when discussing this issue with Heidi Bunk from the DNR, that it reportedly has little negative impact upon fish populations in the lake. However, like so many things, there may be supply chain problems that would effect our ability to treat the lake as had been in the past. Ms. Schriver also reported that there are potential changes being identified by the DNR related to NR107 and NR109. These may have an impact upon the lake district as they relate to necessary reports, providing surveys, offering public notice regarding certain activities. OLMD will continue to monitor these changes.
- b. **DISCUSS AND ACT ON USGS WATER QUALITY PROGRAM.** Dee Schriver reported that since 1984 Okauchee Lake has participated in the USGS water quality program. In past years it provided not only a written report, but also attended meetings to offer insights into water quality of the lake. The cost of the report has increased to approximately \$10,000 and the share paid by the Okauchee Lake Management District is 75% or approximately \$7,600. This has been approved, however, the costs will be slightly be greater than budgeted. It was the consensus to move forward and have the USGS complete a survey this year. We would ask that USGS provide a person to present an explanation of their findings at a future OLMD meeting.

13. Discuss & Act on recruitment for Recording Secretarial Duties

At this point, we do not have a recording secretary, and we have not been successful in recruiting one. Dee Schriver, C. Wilson and T. Godar will continue to network to determine whether we can find recording secretary. The ideal candidate will have experience in Microsoft Office products such as Word, Excel and Publisher. The candidate will participate in the municipal OLMD meetings and be able to create required publics notices such as agendas and minutes. The next major issue facing the OLMD organization is completion of the annual newsletter which includes announcements of the chemical treatment permit and other activities of the OLMD.

14. Discuss & act on release of new website

Linda Goehre reported on largely completing the revamped website and Dee Schriver recommended that we release it to “go live”. By consensus the commissioners have asked that we move forward to have the go live following a review offered to the commissioners of the website.

15. Future Agenda Items

Newsletter suggestions should be added to the future agenda items.

16. Set Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting is set for the second Monday in April, 04/11/2022 at 7PM.

17. Adjournment

Dee Schriver moved to adjourn the March 14, 2022 Okauchee Lake Management District meeting. C. Wilson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.